

Docket No. 115716-00116

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Robert A. BAKER et al.

GAU: 3616

SERIAL NO: 10/044,996

EXAMINER: Peter C. English

FILED: January 15, 2002

FOR: ROLL-OVER AIR BAG HAVING A REINFORCED PERIMETER SEAL AND ASSOCIATED  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT REINFORCED SEAL IN A ROLL-OVER AIR BAG  
CONNECTOR AND IMPROVED RECEPTACLE THEREFOREREQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22313-1450

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a TWO month extension of time be granted to February 24, 2004 for

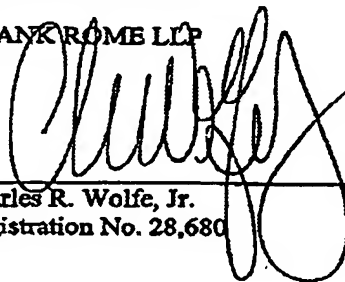
- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: September 24, 2003
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐

The required fee of \$420.00

- ☐ is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ should be charged to Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 23-2185.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Now comes the undersigned, Attorney of Record in the present application, who avers as follows:

Method Electronics, Inc. is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention claimed and disclosed in the above-captioned patent application by virtue of assignment.

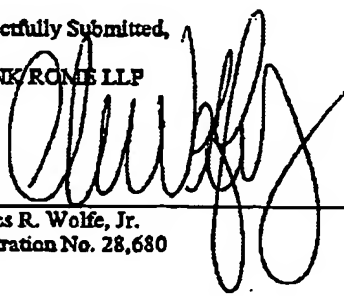
Method Electronics, Inc. hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of United States Patent No. 6,113,141, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on said above-captioned application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent No. 6,113,141, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-captioned application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Date Signed

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

(2) Amendments to the specification are reflected in the changes that begin on page 7 of this paper.

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01 FC:1201 86.00 DH (3) Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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## PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2001

Application or Docket Number

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45716-60116

## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 = *	—
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\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

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RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	370.00	OR	BASIC FEE	740.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X42=		OR	X84=	
+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	740

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	86.00

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